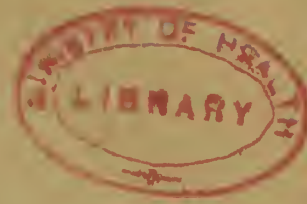


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MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH

For the Year Ending December 31st, 1939

Brightwell House,
East Street,
Farnham.

October, 1940.

To the Chairman and Members of the
Urban District Council of Farnham.

Mr. Chairman, Madam and Gentlemen,

I beg to submit my Annual Report upon the health and sanitary circumstances of the District during the year 1939.

Owing to war-time conditions, the publication has been considerably delayed and for purposes of economy the Report has been limited to a record of alterations and developments which have taken place during the year.

For the same reason, the Report is being stencilled instead of printed.

The war has brought a number of new problems for the Public Health Department and frequent liaison with the Military Authorities has been necessary.

I should like to record the fact that my staff have co-operated loyally and well, in spite of increased work and reduced personnel.

I am,

Your obedient Servant,

F. BEDO HOBBS,

Medical Officer of Health.

STATISTICS AND SOCIAL CONDITIONS OF THE AREA

The Urban District of Farnham consists of the Town with the following villages and districts::Hale, Heath End, Badshot Lea, Weybourne, Runfold, Compton, Upper, Middle and Lower Bourne, Boundstone, Wrecclesham, Rowledge, Dippenhall, Frensham Vale and Gong Hill.

The total area is 9,061 acres, and the Registrar General's estimate of the resident population for the year 1939, was 21,500.

The number of inhabited houses at the end of 1939, was 6,136.

The rateable value is £194,074 and the sum represented by the penny rate is £776.

The district is almost entirely a residential one, there being but a few minor industries such as the manufacture of pottery and tiles.

VITAL STATISTICS

The following are the vital statistics for the Urban District in the year 1939 :-

	Total	M.	F.
Live Births (Legitimate)	293	144	149
Live Births (Illegitimate)	13	8	5
Birth rate per 1,000 of the estimated resident population	14.3		
Still Births (Legitimate)	9	5	4
Still Births (Illegitimate)	-	-	-
Rate per 1,000 total births	29.4		
Deaths	276	142	134
Death Rate per 1,000 of the estimated resident population	12.8		
		Rate per 1,000	
		Total Births	
		(Live & Still)	
	<u>Deaths</u>	<u></u>	
Deaths from puerperal causes :-			
No. 29: Puerperal sepsis	0		0
No. 30: Other puerperal causes	1		3.1
Total	<u>1</u>		<u>3.1</u>

Death Rate of Infants under one year of age :-

All infants per 1,000 live births	...	...	39.2
Legitimate infants per 1,000 legitimate live births	...	...	40.9
Illegitimate infants per 1,000 illegitimate live births	...	...	-
Deaths from Cancer (all ages)	...	...	43
Deaths from Measles (all ages)	..	...	0
Deaths from Whooping Cough (all ages)	.	...	1
Deaths from Diarrhoea (under 2 years)	.	...	0

The classified causes of death in the District during the year are as follows :-

Cause of Death						M.	F.
All causes						139	134
1.	Typhoid and Paratyphoid Fever	..	...	...	...	0	0
2.	Measles	...	...	...	...	0	0
3.	Scarlet Fever	...	...	...	...	0	0
4.	Whooping Cough	...	...	...	...	1	0
5.	Diphtheria	...	...	...	...	0	0
6.	Influenza	...	...	...	...	1	1
7.	Encephalitis Lethargica	..	...	...	...	0	1
8.	Cerebro Spinal Fever	...	...	...	...	0	0
9.	Tuberculosis of Respiratory System	...	...	...	...	5	3
10.	Other Tuberculous Diseases	...	...	...	...	0	1
11.	Syphilis	...	...	...	...	0	0
12.	General Paralysis of the Insane	tabes	...	...	...	0	0
13.	Cancer, malignant disease	...	...	...	...	22	21
14.	Diabetes	...	...	...	...	4	0
15.	Cerebral Haemorrhage, etc.	...	...	...	...	6	6
16.	Heart Disease	...	...	...	...	40	48
17.	Aneurysm	...	...	...	...	2	0
18.	Other Circulatory Diseases	...	...	...	...	9	16
19.	Bronchitis	...	...	...	...	2	0
20.	Pneumonia (all forms)	...	...	...	...	3	4
21.	Other Respiratory Diseases	...	...	...	...	1	0
22.	Peptic Ulcer	...	...	...	...	2	0
23.	Diarrhoea, etc. (under 2 years)	...	...	...	...	0	0
24.	Appendicitis	.	...	...	...	3	1
25.	Cirrhosis of Liver	.	...	...	...	0	0
26.	Other Diseases of Liver, etc.	..	...	...	...	0	1
27.	Other Digestive Diseases	.	...	...	...	2	3
28.	Acute and Chronic Mephritis	...	...	...	...	4	1
29.	Puerperal Sepsis	...	...	...	...	0	0
30.	Other Puerperal Causes	...	...	...	...	0	1
31.	Congenital Debility, Premature Birth, Malformations, etc.	...	...	...	...	4	3
32.	Senility	...	...	...	...	5	3
33.	Suicide	...	...	...	...	1	1
34.	Other Violence	...	...	...	...	7	5

				M.	F.
35.	Other Defined Diseases	...	...	18	14
36.	Causes Ill-Defined or Unknown	...	...	0	0

The birth and death rates continue to remain steady - the birth rate being rather lower and the death rate rather higher than the average for England and Wales. This is what could be expected in this district, where there are comparatively few industries employing young people and a large proportion of elderly people who have retired from business.

The infant mortality rate remains low and there were no deaths from puerperal sepsis during the year.

GENERAL PROVISIONS OF HEALTH SERVICES FOR THE AREA

Public Health Officers of the Authority

Medical Officer of Health: Dr. F. Bedo Hobbs, M.D., M.R.C.P.,
D.P.H., (part-time).
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Laboratory

Specimens have continued to be examined at the Royal Surrey County Hospital but since the establishment of an E.M.S. Laboratory at Farnham County Hospital in September, 1939, increasing use has been made of this and the arrangements have proved satisfactory. An appeal for donors of blood resulted in 150 persons offering their services.

Nursing in the Home

There is no change in the arrangements of the District Nursing Associations. The nurses were kept extremely busy during the influenza epidemic in the spring and maternity nurses have had more work to do, as the admission of cases into hospital has been discouraged.

Ambulance

The single ambulance provided by the St. John Ambulance Association has continued to do useful work during the year, staffed by unpaid volunteers. There are no ambulances attached to any of the Hospitals in the district, with the exception of the Isolation Hospital. The local A.R.P. Services have five ambulances permanently mobilised, which, in addition to being available for war casualties, have at times been utilised for civilian sick. Five vans are on call for ambulance service when required.

CLINICS AND TREATMENT CENTRES

The following is a list of the clinics and treatment centres :-

Maternity and Child Welfare Centres

Brightwell House, East Street,
Farnham.

Tuesdays and Thursdays,
2 p.m. - 4 p.m.

The Institute, Rowledge

1st and 3rd Mondays,
2 p.m. - 4 p.m.

The Village Hall, Wrecclesham

2nd and 4th Mondays,

2 p.m. - 4 p.m.

The Scouts' Hall, Gravel Hill,
Lower Bourne

1st and 3rd Wednesdays,

2 p.m. - 4 p.m.

The Institute, Hale

Fridays, 2 p.m. - 4 p.m.

Badshot Lea

2nd, 4th and 5th Wednesdays,

2 p.m. - 4 p.m.

School Clinics

Brightwell House, East Street,

Farnham

Badshot Lea

1st and 3rd Fridays,

10 a.m. - noon.

2nd Wednesdays, 10 a.m. -

noon.

Tuberculosis Dispensary

Brightwell House, East Street,

Farnham

1st Tuesday, 5.30 - 7 p.m.

2nd, 4th and 5th Tuesdays,

10 a.m. - noon.

Diphtheria Immunisation Clinic

Brightwell House, East Street,

Farnham

1st and 3rd Fridays,

10 a.m. - noon.

Ante-Natal Clinic

Brightwell House, East Street,

Farnham.

2nd, 4th and 5th Wednesday.

afternoons.

HOSPITALS

Farnham County Hospital

Increasing use of this hospital is being made every year, as shown by the following figures :-

	<u>Admissions</u>	<u>Operations</u>
1935	951	127
1936	1141	144
1937	1233	222
1938	1496	247
1939	1999	410

The hospital was graded as Grade I Hospital for war purposes, to serve as a Casualty Hospital for this area, and additional equipment and staff was provided under the E.M.S. Scheme which came into operation in September.

Additional accommodation in the Institution was taken over and 338 hospital beds were provided for acute cases. In addition, about 170 beds are available for aged and infirm people.

The new houses for the aged, which provide accommodation for 40 female and 60 male patients, were opened in July. These are built on a modern bungalow system and are very comfortable and well appointed.

Trimmer's Cottage Hospital

This Hospital at first came under the E.M.S. Scheme but was later released.

During the year, 420 patients were admitted and 277 operations were performed, of which 113 were for tonsils and adenoids.

Isolation Hospital

The new cubicle block has proved very satisfactory and a variety of different diseases have been treated therein.

THE CURATIVE POST

This has continued to do useful work. During the year, 685 patients were treated. There were 3,854 attendances requiring 7,754 treatments, made up as follows :-

Massage	...	...	...	2,320
Electrical	..	...	...	1,176
Radiant Heat	...	...	...	994
Ultra Violet Ray	..	...	...	774
Exercises	...	...	...	537
Diathermy	...	...	...	556
Infra Red	...	...	...	1,397
Total				<u>7,754</u>

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Water

The following is a summary of the work carried out by the Town's two Water Companies during the year :-

Extensions, as follows, have been made by the Farnham Urban District Council's Water Undertaking :-

181 yards of 3" main at West End Grove
and Beavers Yard.

75 yards of 3" main at Arthur Road.

51 yards of 3" main at Manor Road (this was renewed).

154 yards of 8" main at South Street.

Connections have also been made between the Wey Valley water supply and the Farnham U.D.C. mains at Waverley Lane, Weydon Bridge, Crondall Lane, Manor Road and to Booster Section in the Reservoir grounds.

Throughout the year, the supply has been satisfactory both in quality and quantity.

Samples for bacteriological examination are taken twice monthly, and those for chemical analysis, twice yearly. The latest reports, typical of those received during the year, are as follows :-

Chemical Appearance: Yellowish opalescence very slowly settling to brown deposits of iron oxides.

Turbidity: 13 p.p.m., Silica Scale. Colour: Yellowish, Filtered: bright, normal. Odour: Nil. Reaction pH: Neutral, 7.4. Free Carbonic Acid: 1.1. Electric Conductivity at 20°C: 470. Total Solids, dried at 180°C: 31.5. Chlorine in Chlorides: 2.8. Alkalinity as Calcium Carbonate: 20.0. Hardness (total): 20.0, (temporary) 18.0, (permanent) 2.0. Nitrogen in Nitrates: 0.00. Nitrates: Absent. Free Ammonia: 0.0290. Ammoniacal Nitrogen: Nil. Albuminoid Ammonia: 0.000. Albuminoid Nitrogen: Nil. Oxygen absorbed in 4 hours at 80°F: 0.000. Metals: Total Iron: 0.080. In solution: 0.015. Manganese, etc: absent.

Bacteriological

	Number of Bacteria growing on Agar per c.c.	
or ml. in 1 day at 37°C.		2
	Number of Bacteria growing on Agar per c.c.	
or ml. in 2 days at 37°C.		2
	Number of Bacteria growing on Agar per c.c.	
or ml. in 3 days at 20°C.		4
	Bacillus coli absent in 100 c.c.	
	Bacillus Welchii (B. Enteritidis Sporogenes) absent	
in 100 c.c.		

Report Apart from the presence of a distinct trace of iron causing slight opalescence and deposit, this sample is very satisfactory. The water is neutral in reaction, hard in character, but not unduly so, contains no excess salinity, and is of a high degree of organic and bacterial purity, in which respects it is considered pure and wholesome in character and suitable for drinking and domestic purposes.

(Signed) E. V. SUCKLING,

The Counties Public Health Laboratories.

During the year, the Wey Valley Water Company has made two extensions, as follows :-

324 yards of 3" main at Brambleton Estate.

1,140 yards of 4" main at Knowles Lane.

The supply has been satisfactory both in quality and quantity during the year and bacteriological and chemical samples have been taken fortnightly and quarterly, respectively. The latest reports, which are typical of those received during the year, are as follows :-

Chemical Appearance: Clear and bright. Colour: Normal.
Odour: Nil. Reaction pH: Neutral 7.3. Free
Carbonic Acid: 0.88. Electric conductivity at 20°C: 240.
Total Solids, 180°C: 16.0. Chlorine in Chlorides: 1.0.
Alkalinity as Calcium Carbonate: 11.0. Hardness (permanent)
2.0, (temporary) 9.0, (total) 11.0. Nitrogen in Nitrates:
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Nitrogen: Nil. Oxygen absorbed in 4 hours at 80°F: 0.0000.
Metals: Absent.

Bacteriological

Number of bacteria per c.c. on Agar in 1	
day at 37°C	1
Number of bacteria per c.c. on Agar in 2	
days at 37°C	2
Number of bacteria per c.c. on Agar in 3	
days at 20°C	2
Bacillus coli absent in 100 c.c.	
Bacillus Welchii (B. Enteritidis Sporogenes)	
absent in 100 c.c.	

Report This sample is clear and bright and of normal colour. The water has moderate hardness, contains no excess of saline or mineral matter in solution, no iron or other metals, and is of highly satisfactory organic and bacterial purity. These results are consistent with an efficiently

filtered water, pure and wholesome in character, and
suitable for the purposes of public supply.

(Signed) E. V. SUCKLING,

The Counties Public Health Laboratories.

Samples were taken during July, from two wells in the
Dippenhall area. Both provided water for drinking and domestic
purposes, one for four cottages and the other for two. The
Analyst's reports indicated pollution in each well and notices
were served requiring connection to the main water supply. These
were complied with.

SANITARY INSPECTION OF THE AREA

Sanitary Inspector's Report for 1939

In accordance with Article 19 of the Sanitary Officer's Order, 1926, the following classified table is submitted of (a) the number and nature of inspections made during the year; (b) the number of notices served during the year; (c) the result of the services of such notices.

(a) Number and Nature of Inspections made during the year :-

Dwelling-houses

Number inspected under the Public Health and Housing Acts	...	...	...	...	233
Number of inspections made, including re-inspections and visits re works in progress	...	...	...	...	2,030

Other Premises (Inspections and Re-inspections)

1. Slaughterhouses	...	...	...	...	719
2. Meat and Other Food Shops	...	...	...	...	807
3. Cowsheds, Dairies and Milkshops	...	...	...	...	131
4. Bakehouses	...	...	...	...	70
5. Factories	...	...	...	...	84
6. Shops	...	...	...	...	177
7. Offices	...	...	...	...	6
8. Camping Sites	...	...	...	...	9
9. Mushroom Farms	...	...	...	...	4
10. Visits re Cases of Infectious Disease	...	...	...	...	39
11. Visits re Miscellaneous Complaints	...	...	...	...	443
12. Visits re Complaints under Rats and Mice (Destruction) Act, 1919	...	...	...	...	26
13. Visits re Disinfestation of Premises	...	...	...	...	31

(b) Notices Served :-

Number of preliminary notices served under the Public Health, Housing and other Acts	364
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(c) Result of Notices :-

1. Preliminary Notices -

(a) Complied with in 1939	...	...	281
(b) Work not commenced	...	...	20
			<u>301</u>

2. Statutory Notices -

(a) Complied with in 1939	...	...	63
(b) Work not commenced	...	...	0
			<u>63</u>

Table showing nature of defects or nuisances discovered and remedied, as required by the Ministry of Health :-

1.	Defective Cottages repaired	...	...	...	193
2.	New drains provided to dwellings	...	...	...	14
3.	Defective drains and cesspools made sound or cleared	...	...	...	76
4.	Defective rooms cleansed and renovated	...	...	...	401
5.	Defective roofs repaired	...	...	...	102
6.	Defective gutters or downpipes repaired or replaced	...	...	...	43
7.	New sanitary accommodation provided	...	...	...	10
8.	Smoke nuisances abated	...	...	...	2
9.	Lavatories converted to water carriage system from conservancy system	...	...	...	3
10.	Earth closets cleansed or repaired	...	...	...	7
11.	Back yards paved and repaired	...	...	...	29
12.	Conditions of mushroom farms improved	...	...	...	1
13.	Rivers and streams nuisances abated	...	...	...	1
14.	Portable dustbins provided	...	...	...	56
15.	Accumulations of refuse or manure removed	...	...	...	12
16.	Pigstyes, fowlhouses, etc., cleansed	...	...	...	3
17.	Premises connected to main water supply	...	...	...	4
18.	Premises cleansed under Factories Act	...	...	...	27
19.	Dairies, cowsheds and milkshops cleansed, repaired or reconstructed	...	...	...	16
20.	Dampness in cottages remedied	...	...	...	181
21.	Damp and defective floors repaired or relaid	...	...	...	100
22.	Rooms disinfected following infectious disease	...	...	...	45
23.	Cesspools abolished	...	...	...	0
24.	Houses generally repaired	...	...	...	189
25.	Rooms disinfested	...	...	...	11
26.	Premises cleansed and repaired under Shops Acts	...	...	...	9

Number of legal actions taken :-

Under Public Health Acts	...	...	...	0
Under Infectious disease (Notifications) Act, 1875	...	...	...	0
Public Health (Meat) Regulations, 1924	...	...	...	0

SHOPS

A total of 177 inspections was made under the Shops Act, 1934, during the year. The three preliminary notices served under Section 10, requiring separate lavatory accommodation for female assistants, were all complied with.

FACTORIES ACT, 1937

154 inspections of the mechanical, non-mechanical and outworkers' premises within the district have been made under the Factories Act, 1937. All of the 12 notices served, mainly for cleansing and re-decoration, were complied with by the end of the year.

CAMPING SITES

The following table refers to camping sites during 1939 :-

1.	Number of sites in the area which were used for camping purposes		6
2.	Number of camping sites in respect of which licences were issued under Section 269 of the Public Health Act, 1936		2
3.	The estimated maximum number of campers resident in the area at one time during the summer season		125

SMOKE ABATEMENT

The one informal notice served during the year was in respect of a nuisance caused by the continued burning of refuse. This was abated and no other serious nuisance from this source was reported or discovered.

SWIMMING BATHS

There are now two public and four private swimming baths in the district: the two Council baths off South Street, one at Frensham Heights School, one at Edgeborough School, Lower Bourne, one at "The Shack", Lodge Hill Road and another, which was not in use during 1939, at Moor Park.

At the Council baths, purification is affected by means of a Bell's Filtration Plant, the water being filtered, chlorinated and aerated before entering into the baths. The four private baths have no filtration system but the water is chemically treated.

Samples were taken from the five baths in use during the year and satisfactory reports were received.

The Plant at the public baths broke down during July and the baths had to be closed for a few days, but, with the new parts fitted, it was soon in use again and the quality of the water was not seriously affected.

Two of the reports received are as follows :-

Public (New) Bath

Bacteriological

(1) Quantitative: The average number of organisms producing visible colonies on Agar plates incubated at 20° to 22°C. for 3 days is found to be 36 per ml.

The average number of organisms producing visible colonies on Agar plates incubated at 37.5°C. for two days is found to be 9 per ml.

- (2) Qualitative: B. coli not found in 100 ml.
Streptococci not found in 30 ml.

Opinion The results show this water to be of commendable quality and satisfactory for swimming bath purposes.

(Signed) N. CANDELET,

Secretary,
Clinical Research Association.

Frensham Heights

Bacteriological

- (1) Quantitative: The average number of organisms producing visible colonies on agar plates incubated at 20° to 22°C. for 3 days is found to be 9 per ml. The average number of organisms producing visible colonies on agar plates incubated at 37.5°C. for two days is found to be 12 per ml.

- (2) Qualitative: B. coli not found in 100 ml.
Streptococci not found in 30 ml.

Opinion The bacterial content is low and there are no excremental micro-organisms found. The water is of suitable quality for a swimming pool.

(Signed) N. CANDELET,

Secretary,
Clinical Research Association.

ERADICATION OF BED BUGS.

During the year, 7 houses, 3 of which were Council houses, were found to be infested with bed bugs. Only two of these could be regarded as being infested to any great extent and one only was a Council house. In all cases, rooms were sprayed with "Zaldecide" and, where necessary, paper, skirtings and architraves were removed from the walls to ensure that the insecticide would be effective. In the two bad cases, spraying was followed by fumigation. These methods proved very satisfactory and no further complaints were received.

SCHOOLS

All schools in the district are connected to the main water supply, and the general standard of construction, lighting and ventilation is good.

All the schools are connected to the main sewer, with the exception of Wrecclesham School which still has earth closets. The Surrey Education Committee have been approached regarding connection to the sewer, but, as yet, nothing has been done. The Church of England School retains the trough system, which appears, however, to operate satisfactorily.

The new Girls' Grammar School in Menin Way was completed during the year and opened for pupils on September 15th. The building, which incorporates many ideal and hygienic ideas in its construction, is a great improvement on the old school in West Street.

HOUSING

Of the 233 houses inspected under the Public Health and Housing Acts, by far the majority of these have been routine inspections and the number of complaints regarding housing conditions have been comparatively few. Frequent re-inspections of the work in progress have been made and by this almost constant supervision, satisfactory completion of the repairs required is ensured.

No proceedings have been taken under Sections 11, 12 and 13 of the Housing Act, 1936, and no cases of overcrowding have been discovered or reported during the year.

Some 145 informal notices were served under the Housing Act, and in 61 cases Statutory Notices were necessary. These, however, had the desired effect, and no further action was required.

The general standard of the properties in the district is good and through the informal and Statutory Notices served considerable improvements have been affected.

As this district is a neutral area, there has been no influx of evacuees or refugees and no particular housing problems have arisen.

INSPECTION AND SUPERVISION OF FOOD

Milk Supply

Frequent inspections have been made of the dairies and cowsheds within the district during the year.

During 1939, there were 19 cowkeepers, 22 dairymen, 21 retail purveyors and 11 wholesale traders on the register.

Samples for bacteriological examination were taken from all sources of supply during June and July. Copies of the Analyst's reports were sent to the producers concerned and,

where the source of supply was in another district, to the Public Health Department of the authority in question. In the case of unsatisfactory samples produced within the district, visits were made to the farms and dairies and instructions given for more care and attention to be observed during milking and in connection with the utensils. This seemed to have the desired effect, for subsequent samples showed a great improvement.

The following is a summary of the samples taken during the year :-

	Taken	Satisfactory	Not in all respects	Unsatisfactory
Pasteurised	2	2	-	-
Accredited	13	6	2	5
Tuberculin Tested	6	2	1	3
Ordinary	19	9	5	5
Totals	40	19	8	13

Adulteration

The County Council is responsible for the administration of the Food & Drugs (Adulteration) Act, 1928.

During the year, samples have been taken with the following results :-

Articles	Analysed			Adulterated or Deteriorated			Prosecutions	Convictions
	Formal	Informal	Total	Formal	Informal	Total		
Milk	62	6	68	8	-	8	-	-
Cream	2	-	2	-	-	-	-	-
Beer	3	-	3	1	-	1	-	-
Butter	1	-	1	-	-	-	-	-
Chocolate Cake	1	-	1	-	-	-	-	-
Chocolate Roll	2	-	2	-	-	-	-	-
Malt Vinegar	1	-	1	-	-	-	-	-
Totals	72	6	78	9	-	9	-	-

MEAT AND OTHER FOODS

Frequent inspections of the slaughterhouses and food shops in the District have been made during the year.

The eight slaughterhouses in the Area, two of which were licenced and six registered, have all been granted licences under Section 57 of the Food and Drugs Act, 1938. These will be renewed yearly.

Special attention has been paid to refrigerators, iceboxes and conveyances used for the transport of foodstuffs.

It may be of interest to note that the number of animals inspected in the district during 1939 was an increase on the 1938 figure by 572. The scattered nature of the slaughterhouses made it impossible to inspect all carcasses at the time of slaughter.

The following is a list of the foodstuffs condemned as being unfit for human consumption :-

Commodity	tons.	cwts.	qrs.	lbs.
Pork		9	2	10 $\frac{3}{4}$
Beef (Home Killed)	1	8	-	27
Beef (Imported)		1	-	26
Mutton and Lamb		1	1	13
	2	-	1	20 $\frac{3}{4}$
Corned Beef			1	18 $\frac{1}{2}$
Pressed Beef				12
Jellied Veal				15 $\frac{3}{4}$
Ham				12
Smoked Bacon		1	1	21 $\frac{3}{4}$
Kippers				14
		2	1	10
Total	2	2	3	23 $\frac{3}{4}$

Danish Eggs	15 dozen
Argentine Eggs	30 dozen

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	Cattle (excluding Cows)	Cows	Calves	Sheep and Lambs	Pigs	Totals
Approximate number killed Number inspected	283 274	- -	158 152	1,580 1,466	2,451 2,088	4,472 3,980
<u>All Diseases except Tuberculosis</u>						
Whole carcasses condemned Carcasses of which some part or organ was condemned	- 5	- -	- -	2 -	2 68	4 73
Percentage of number inspected with disease other than tuberculosis	1.82	-	-	0.13	3.35	5.3
<u>Tuberculosis Only</u>						
Whole carcasses condemned Carcasses of which same part of organ was condemned	5 -	- -	- -	- -	3 17	8 17
Percentage of number inspected affected with Tuberculosis	1.82	-	-	-	0.957	2.777

PREVALENCE OF AND CONTROL OVER INFECTIOUS AND OTHER DISEASES

The amount of infectious disease has been extremely small during the year and the number of cases of scarlet fever and diphtheria is lower than it has been for many years.

The notification of measles and whooping cough became compulsory in October, 1939, and in the last three months of the year only one case of measles and two cases of whooping cough were notified.

For various reasons, diphtheria immunisation of school children was not carried out as extensively as in previous years. 27 children under 5 years of age were immunised and 106 of school age. Two injections of Burroughs Wellcome A.P.T. were used with an interval of 4 weeks between the doses.

The following table gives particulars of new cases of tuberculosis and deaths from the disease in the district during 1939 :-

Age Periods	New Cases				Deaths			
	Respiratory		Non Respiratory		Respiratory		Non Respiratory	
	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F
0 - 1	1	-	-	-	1	-	-	-
1 - 5	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-
5 - 15	-	-	3	-	-	-	-	-
15 - 25	2	1	2	1	-	1	-	-
25 - 35	2	3	-	1	1	1	-	-
35 - 45	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-
45 - 55	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
55 - 65	-	-	-	-	1	1	-	-
65 and over	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-
Totals	8	4	5	3	5	3	-	1

TUBERCULOSIS CARE COMMITTEE

There has been very little work for the Committee this year but four cases were helped by providing extra nourishment and given assistance in finding suitable employment.

